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PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

The climate of these Islands is generally recognized as healthy. For young children it is excellent. The out-door life all the year round, the freedom from extremes of heat and cold, enable our children to pass their earliest years under circumstances most conducive to rapid and healthy growth. But old residents are agreed that the climate, at least on the leeward side of the Islands and near the sea-level, is not favorable to the youth approaching manhood. It is too relaxing. The want of cold winters corresponds with want of tone and energy. The young stances fatal in spite of every precaupeople run to stock; they are apt to tion. The writer has never tested the grow up indolent and self-indulgent.

race can grow up in the tropics, and that many cases of death have occurred this rule applies even to this, the least 'when water was plenty, but could not tropical of all tropical countries. But cannot the drawbacks incidental to our life here be minimized? Are we. like the lower animals, the absolutvictims of our surroundings? We hold strongly that such is not the case. Happily society is waking up, although slowly, to the recognition of the trutl that it is not. Every year the laws of health are more widely studied and more generally brought to bear. Every year the number of people who train their chilcren thoughtfully and with due respect to the guidance of sani tary science is larger. All this is hope ful, very hopeful, but the progress is thus far halting and imperfect. We have much to learn and much more to apply to that we have learned. For instance, the maintaining of exercise i recognized in word by us all, but how imperfectly do we carry into our livethis truth that we so readily and fully

acknowledge. To reduce our remarks to a single point: we would urge upon parents to bring more personal thought and care upon the bodily training of their children. The tendency in the grea centres of what we call civilization is to rear a race of large heads with feeble bodies and irritable nerves, and so great is the last becoming, that thought ful writers and speakers are in various places sounding the note of warning. We in this place have special need to attend to the sound.

During the several years that bos clubs have existed in Honolulu, unti the present season, there have existed no dissensions whatever. This season however, seems to be rife with conflicting interests that mars the harmom that once existed. Instead of the friendly feeling that should ever be the most prominent desire of all, the harmless rivalry for championship evidently has sown seeds which bring forth unhealthy fruit. If a rival club meets with a mishap no regrets exist nor is any help offered. A race is lost, the defeat is accepted with exceedingly bad grace; or if won, it is greeted with a sel fish satisfaction that is altogether out of place among gentlemen. If matters continue in this way the sooner the pastime is done away with the betteris flat and clavey, is intersected by

An Interesting Article by the "Scientific American" Concerning It.

The name is fearfully suggestive, and vet few places in the world deserve the rainy season, have to be properly their appellations so well as does the bridged, and no timber being forthcom-Death Valley of California, nor is it ing, Gen. Annekofi has resorted almost easy to find any other locality in any country whatever, which gathers about itself so much that inspires horror and dread. A region where a man can the steel rails are of the best quality. On the completion of the line to his reach, more than he can drink, nay well bear the most terrible title that can be given it; and this name—Death Valley—given from the first known event in its history, thirty-five years ago, will doubtless cling to the commercial center of Meshed.—London spot to the end of time. It is in the southeastern part of Inyo county, California, and the point at which the meridian of 116° 45' W. crosses 36° meridian of 116° 45' W. crosses 36° to' N. is as nearly as possible in its center of horrors. Probably only one other spot of which we have any knowledge, the Guevo Upas, or Vale of Poison, in Java, exceeds the fatality of Death Valley.

The valley itself is 40 miles by 8, running nearly north and south, and every portion of this is barren and barren in the extreme as in fact is the

parren in the extreme, as in fact is the entire surrounding country; but a narrow central space along the easterr side, about fifteen , miles in length, em bodies the typical features in their highest intensity. Into this, not Porte d'enfer, but Puit d'enfer, very sew persons have ever gone, that is, who returned to tel the tale, and what is here related per tains to the higher and comparatively moderate parts towards the borders of

The dangers are the result of atmospheric conditions solely. Lack of water may be a fatal evil, but this can be avoided; supplies of water may be carried, or better still, it is now tolerably well ascertained that water is available by sinking even shallow wells in much the greater extent of the upper portions of the valley.

But the water fails to afford its usual life-giving value from two causes. The first of these is the heat. Of course this is moderated during two or three of the winter months, and for that space of time a residence on the bor ders of Death Valley is possible without any exceeding great risk. But this soor passes away, and the furnace is in blast By about April the average (of day and night) is from 90° to 95°; by May it is 95° to 100°; and a little later it over ages over 100°, reaching often 120° to 125" in the coolest place that can be found. If this was with a damp atmosphere it would stifle any human life with great rapidity, but a certain amount of dryness enables it to be borne with more safety. Here, however, comes in the second of the two evils, which have been indicated-the intense dryness of the atmosphere. This is so excessive as to be in many infull severity of this feature in Death-Valley itself, but his experience along In spite of exceptional individuals, it its immediate border renders him ready may be safely said no vigorous white to give full credence to the statement

be drunk fast enough to supply the

Irain caused by the desiccative power

of the dry, hot air." In fact, in one

nstance he himself nearly reached that

condition, and a few hours longer or he heat and dryness would have placed

is own name among those of its victim. It has been said that birds drop dead n attempting to cross the valley. Mr. Hawkins who visited it 1882, says that e "picked up, at different times, two ittle birds, a mile or so from water, whose bodies were still warm, having vidently but just dropped." The bodies of men and their horses are liable to be encountered at any time; they have een found within a mile of water, and n one case with water still in their canteens, and a supply of food as well, snowing that the climate was the cause of death. With these facts in view, in s not unreasonable to say that the is not unreasonable to say that the name of Death Valley is well bestowed. And if this is the state of things on the levated borders, ranging from 1,200 to ,000 feet and more above the sea, what oust be the heat and dryness in the very focus? For one of the additional vonders of Death Valley is that its central region lies away below the level of the sea. There is perhaps no other spot on the globe which at so great a listance from the ocean reaches such a tepression—159 feet. The Dead sea, with the gorges of the Jordan and the \rabah, of course greatly exceeds this,

The climatic violence of this deep rough of Death Valley must be left to onjecture. It is certain that no man ould survive there long enough to seure continuous observations of any

out it is not widely separated from the astern parallel border of the Mediter-

The Railway Race to Herat.

Interesting particulars continue to arrive from Russia of the progress of he railway that is being hurried on to he new position Russia has acquired in the Alghan frontier. The electric ight having broken down, owing to an ecident to the apparatus sent, the men ire working at night by the aid of jundreds of lanterns and huge fires fed with petroleum refuse. As far as Askabad the road has been levelled, and it is expected that the final rail will be laid by the end of the month; but nuch will depend on the completion of the innumerable stone bridges which constitute a peculiar feature of the From the Caspian Sea to Sarakhs, a distance of over 500 miles, he railway does not cross a single arge river, but from the time it quits he Transcaspian Desert and traverses the oasis of Akhal, the country, which

small rivers, growing more and more frequent as the line approaches Askabad. All these streams, most of them dry in summer and torrents in exclusively to stone. The railway is solidly built to a guage of five feet, the Askabad, the section to Sarakhs will he taken in hand, and from this point and the third to the important Persian commercial center of Meshed. - London Engineering.

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